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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2016, at 4 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HULTGREN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 8, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RANDY HULTGREN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(b) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 1 minute a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1016

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DOLD) at 10 o'clock and 16 minutes a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Lord have mercy.

Our Nation awakens to more news of deadly violence around the country. Fear of safety from such violence prevails in many places.

Fear of You, O Lord, is the beginning of wisdom. Bless the Members of this people's House with such wisdom. As they continue the work of this assembly, guide them to grow in understanding in attaining solutions to our Nation's needs.

Bless those as well charged with protecting and serving our country. They, too, need wisdom and insight into the pressure points of insecurity among our citizens.

Lord have mercy.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

JUSTICE WILL BE DONE

(Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, we are all stunned by the events last night in Dallas, and we are all outraged. An attack on the people who protect us is an attack on all of us.

Our hearts are with the Dallas Police Department. Our hearts are with the victims, and especially with their loved ones. They wear the badge, too. I know that to be a cop's wife or a cop's husband is to prepare for the worst, but who could fathom such horror as this.

There is no cause or context in which this violence, this kind of terror, is justified—none at all. There will be a temptation to let our anger harden our divisions. Let's not let that happen. There is going to be a temptation to let our anger send us further into our corners. Let's not let that happen. That script is just too easy to write. It is too predictable. Let's defy those predictions.

A few perpetrators of evil do not represent us. They do not control us. The blame lies with the people who committed these vicious acts and no one else. As the President rightfully said: Justice will be done.

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